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(54) **RETRIEVAL SYSTEM FOR COMMUNICATION
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(57) Abstract:

PURPOSE: To shorten the retrival time of a facsimile communication system by reducing transmission and reception signals between the switchboards of an originating side and a terminating side, by setting the display of the completion of communication message distribution by retrieving state call information during communication by using a time-series number as key information.

CONSTITUTION: Communication call information is controlled by a time-series number, and the number is sent from a terminating switchboard 4 to an originating switchboard 3 via a common-line signal equipment 4c when a communication message is distributed to a terminating facsimile terminal 2. The originating switchboard 3 retrieves a communication information table by the time- series number as key information to read corresponding communication state information, and sets the display of the completion of communication message distribution, thus controlling a communication-call completion state.

